

IT IS THE MISSION OF THE SCHODACK CENTRAL SCHOOLS
to develop our students to become "...active, reflective, creative learners. In our schools, they will engage in rewarding work and practice behaviors that are intelligent in both an academic and a practical sense. Students will develop the attitudes, skills and understandings that will allow them to fulfill their potential and to function successfully in their individual and social roles."

SCHODACK CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT
1216 Maple Hill Road, Castleton, New York 12033-1699

May 15, 2012

Maple Hill High School Library

Present: Andrew Fleck, Michael Hiser, Christine DiGiulio, George Warner, Bruce Romanchak, Mary Yurista, Michael Charsky and Lisa Lafferty.

Also present: Robert Horan, Monica Ki, Michael Bennett, Jason Chevrier, Ron Agostinoni and Michele Reickert.

BOARD OF EDUCATION MINUTES – REGULAR MEETING

1. Meeting called to order by Board President, J. Andrew Fleck at 7:45 p.m.
2. Entered executive session at 7:45 pm through 8:00 pm to discuss contract negotiations and Superintendent Evaluation.
3. Mary Yurista moved for approval of present agenda. George Warner seconded. All present in favor.
4. Michael Hiser moved for approval of minutes of regular meetings April 16, 2012, April 19, 2012, and April 24, 2012. Mary Yurista seconded. All present in favor.
5. Reports / Presentations:
 - a. Google Mail – Robert Horan, Monica Kim, Jim Yox, and Jason Chevrier
Mr. Horan talked briefly about the uses of Google, how it can assist in being more efficient and expressed that there is always concern using an outside server, however, the district currently uses outside server programs for Finance Manager and ESchool Data and have success with those programs. Jim Yox began by explaining that the infrastructure has already been created, and that Google Mail is added on. The transition should be smooth. Mr. Yox mentioned that he monitored Averill Park's transition and working with them before and after their transition and that they are happy with the change and wished they had done it sooner. Integration with cellular phones is good. Phone support is not the best but the e-mail support is top notch. Mr. Warner questioned the security. Mr. Horan expressed that there has to be control at the district level, there are some confidential matters that should not be exchanged in email.

Lisa Lafferty moved to take a break in the meeting at 9:05 pm to find out the results of the election/vote. Christine DiGiulio seconded. All present in favor.

Meeting was called back to order by President Fleck at 9:16 pm.

Jason Chevrier continued with a presentation of his uses of Google. He expressed that

has cut down of the number of emails he has to send to the faculty and the amount of paper memos that are sent. There is no longer a need for people to search through past emails to find things; attachments can be put on the site and made available. Announcements that are read over the PA system are placed on the site as well. Information can be accessed from home eliminating the need to take a lot of paperwork home. Calendaring the use of common use rooms such as computer room, minutes from various meeting are made available for everyone and faculty meeting agendas. Mr. Chevrier has found an increase in communication by using Google. He also expressed that it has cut down on clerical time.

6. Meeting open for public discussion. None.
7. Board Discussion. Bruce Romanchak asked where the district was with an APPR proposal to State Ed. Mr. Horan expressed that a lot of time has gone into the planning and that the Administrators and Faculty are confident they will have something in place. There was a brief discussion about SLO's, but Mr. Horan expressed that there is not a lot known right now about SLO's and hopefully more information will hopefully come out over the summer so the administrators can begin educating the teachers. Mr. Romanchak wanted to know how the students did with the recent testing and the infamous pineapple question. His concern was the impact on instruction, how many hours were lost with this testing. Mr. Chevrier said that it is not a productive day for students after sitting for a lengthy exam. Not to mention the preparation time. There are a lot of tests at this time for students and it is stressful. Mr. Horan also expressed that it is hard to walk past classrooms with young students sitting in exams like they are taking a regents. Mr. Bennett informed the board that Schodack was selected for an additional test, a field test for ELA. On top of all the current testing, it is going to be difficult to get this done. The district was going to look into obtaining a waiver for this exam. Michael Hiser requested that dates be established for upcoming summer meetings. Mr. Warner asked the board to start coming up with an idea for the new model that has been talked about. Mary Yurista reminded the board that they would need to talk about the Merger since the community will be presented with the final study on May 20th & 21st; the board would need to make a decision as to what their intention is. Mr. Horan expressed that he has not been able to confirm anything as to Ichabod's intentions. He is hoping to meet with the Ichabod board after the two informative meeting and see how they feel. The districts are still looking at possibly sharing class and athletic opportunities.
8. Policies:
 - a. Dignity Act - 1st Reading. Moved by consensus to 2nd reading.
9. Consent Agenda:
 - a. Bruce Romanchak moved for approval of recommendations of the district Committee on Special Education regarding 2011-2012 students: # 000113745. Michael Charsky seconded. All present in favor.
 - b. Bruce Romanchak moved for approval of recommendations of the district Committee on Special Education regarding 2012-2013 students: # 000113213, 000113281, 000011236, 000113233, 000113994, 000113479, 000113438, 082340007, 900991164, 000011394, 000011025, 000012262, 000012377, 000113238, 000113280. Michael

Charsky seconded. All present in favor.

- c. Bruce Romanchak moved for approval of a 2012-13 Tutorial Contract with Four Winds of Saratoga, at a rate of \$30.00 per hour, based on a schedule of ten (10) hours per week for Middle or High School Students or five (5) hours per week for students in elementary school who may be admitted to Four Winds Saratoga. Michael Charsky seconded. All present in favor.
- d. Bruce Romanchak moved for approval of an Independent Contractor Retainer with Dr. Warren Silverman, Occupational Physician, on an as needed basis. Michael Charsky seconded. All present in favor.
- e. Bruce Romanchak moved for acceptance of a donation from Sorensco Baseball of a Wireless Electronic Scoreboard for the Maple Hill High School Baseball Field. Michael Charsky seconded. All present in favor.

10. Appointments / Resignations:

- a. Bruce Romanchak moved for acceptance of the resignation of Candace Eustace, Library Media Specialist, effective June 1, 2012, with appreciation for her service to the District and good luck in her new career. Michael Charsky seconded. All present in favor.
- b. Bruce Romanchak moved for acceptance of the resignation of Kenneth Malloy as Maple Hill Middle School Student Council Advisor effective November 9, 2011. Michael Charsky seconded. All present in favor.

11. Meeting open for public discussion. None.

12. Action items: Board Retreat Planning; Merger Study follow-up; Information on status of SLO's and APPR and impact on time; Michele Reickert to schedule meeting with select board members for "Thoughts for the Future" and poll for availability for Board Retreat.

13. Executive Session: Christine DiGiulio moved to enter executive session at 9:47 pm. to discuss the work history of specific employees. Lisa Lafferty seconded. All present in favor.

14. Adjournment. Having no further business before the board, Lisa Lafferty moved to adjourn at 10:26pm. Michael Hiser seconded. All present in favor.

Respectfully Submitted,

Michele A. Reickert

District Clerk